

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend the specification as follows:

<sup>A1</sup> Page 4, please delete the words "Figure 6 is a flowchart" and in their stead insert the words "Figures 6A and 6B are related flowcharts".

<sup>A2</sup> Page 16, first paragraph, line 1: Please delete the words "Figure 6 is a flowchart" and in their stead insert the words "Figures 6A and 6B are related flowcharts".

<sup>A3</sup> Page 16, first paragraph, line 3: Please replace the words "Figure 6" with the words "Figure 6A".

<sup>A4</sup> Page 16, third paragraph, line 1: Please insert the words "referring to Figure 6B," between "Thereafter," and "the".

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

- <sup>A5</sup> 1. (Currently amended) A method of updating an object association between a source object and a target object, comprising:
- updating a target value holder of the target object to identify the source object, the target value holder comprising a value holder that the target object points to; and
  - updating a source value holder of the source object to identify the target object, the source value holder comprising a value holder that the source object points to;
- wherein a value holder is an object that wrappers a target object or source object in order to implement a proxy pattern.
2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein if the object association is a one to one object association, the step of updating the target value holder includes:
- setting the new target in the target value holder from the source, and
  - removing the target from the old target value holder in the source, if the collection already contains the target; and the step of updating the source value holder includes:
  - removing the source from the old source value holder in the target, if the collection already contains the source; and
  - setting the new source in the source value holder from the target.